

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
**COUNCIL POLICY**

CURRENT

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLANS, IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPTED PLANS:  
REZONING  
POLICY NO.: 600-06  
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 20, 1975

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council, in adopting Policy 600-05, indicated to the Citizens of San Diego that the preparation of community plans for major sub-areas of the City on a cooperative basis between citizen organizations and City staff forces is to be encouraged. These community plans, when officially adopted by the City Council, are intended to provide long-range physical development policy guidance to both the City in the execution of its public responsibilities and, more importantly, to private property owners, residents, investors, developers and others engaged in the community development process.

In adopting its policy encouraging citizen-participation programs, the City Council has recognized that plan preparation is only one phase of the planning and development process. If plans are to be truly effective, implementation measures must be developed and utilized by both public and private enterprise.

Common to all community plans are proposals for future uses of land. Generally, such land use proposals cannot be realized unless implemented by appropriate zoning controls. If fundamental community goals and objectives are not to be thwarted, a greater consistency between the land development proposals of community plans and zoning controls should be established. In recognition of this factor the State of California, by enactment of Section 65860 of the Government Code, requires "A Zoning Ordinance shall be consistent with a City or County General Plan only if...

(ii) The various land uses authorized by the ordinance are compatible with the objectives, policies, general land uses and program specified in such a plan."

It is recognized that the establishment of proper zoning controls for communities and neighborhoods cannot often be initiated or accomplished by individual property owners. While existing procedures provide for consideration of individual requests for rezoning, it is extremely difficult for citizens to bring forward overall rezoning proposals for larger areas.

**PURPOSE:**

It is the purpose of this policy to establish a procedure by which the orderly evaluation and adjustment of zoning controls in community planning areas can take place. This legislative action is a part of continuing public and citizen efforts to implement adopted community plans.

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It is the policy of the City Council that rezoning proceedings may be instituted by direct action of the Planning Commission or the City Council, or upon request of the Planning Department or recognized community planning organizations.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-192459 12/26/1967

Amended by Resolution R-212648 02/20/1975